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June 1, 1999

Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action issued February 2, 1999 on the above-identified application. Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1, 5, 10 and 31.

Rewrite claims 11, 12 and 32 as follows:

Claim 11 (Twice Amended)

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A particulate cathodic material for use in a rechargeable lithium electrochemical cell wherein each particle comprises:

a lithiated transition metal oxide core functional as an intercalation cathode consisting of lithium nickel dioxide or lithium nickel cobalt dioxide having the formula  $\text{LiNi}_y\text{Co}_x\text{O}_2$  wherein  $y > 0$ , or a mixture thereof, and  
a lithium ion conductor coated on each particle of said core, said conductor having electron conductive properties and being functional to